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After several weeks delay this 28 page Bulletin reached the outgoing mail on May 14th. Brimful of News, Comment and Offers for everyone. The following is but a brief summary of its contents.

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Popular Stamps

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NEXT ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER

We've got to take a couple of months off. Probably go West for six or seven weeks. In any event there won't be any issue of "POPULAR STAMPS" until next September. Every year we combine the July-August months into one issue. This year we've lapped over into July with the June issue, thus approximating the near-usual time our mid-summer issue would appear. The loss of a month will be added to the end of all present subscription terms, and to all paid in advance advertisements. The absence of a summer issue at this vacation time we feel will be acceptable to all, as in the past. Many will be away from home for weeks and reading of a stamp magazine forsaken for vacation enjoyment. On our part we've had to make this break until the Fall season. We regret any disappointment to those who would desire the missing issue, but anticipate making it up with an extra-value September issue, and with more time and vigor to take up the grind from then on.—A. L. McCready.

Get your copy—news or ads—in at least three weeks prior to issue.

DE LUXE APPROVALS



Alexander Macdonald.

Lonsdale, Ontario, Canada

Did you know there are a number of post offices in Canada known as "Catch Post Service." Here's what the Postal Guide says: There are certain post offices in Canada situated on railway lines which are served by what is known as "Catch Post Service" only, as the mail trains do not stop there. In these cases the mail bags are taken on and thrown off moving trains, and it has been found impossible to accept any fragile parcels for transmission to or from offices thus indicated.

Uses Five Pages of Ads.

Mr. J. N. Sissons of Toronto this issue is using five pages of ads to list his offerings. Besides his regular back page, further offerings of his will be found on the 4-page centre spread.

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Cobden, Ontario, June, 1953.

LETTING CANADA DOWN
(The Victoria Daily Colonist,
(May 27, 1953))

At last—but too late—the post office department has shown the good grace to admit that the designs of Canada's two Queen Elizabeth stamps were an unhappy choice. The first of these, bearing a three-quarter-face portrait supposedly that of the Queen, has been on sale since the beginning of this month. The other, commemorating the Coronation, will makes its appearance on Monday. Despite widespread dissatisfaction, the department does not intend to withdraw them—probably could not at this late date—but the announcement that there will be new Queen Elizabeth stamps some time next year carries its own commentary on official bungling.

When enlarged photographic representations of the chosen designs

were put out by the department several months ago they provoked adverse and even angry criticisms all across the country, and for good cause. The first of the new stamps turned out to be even worse than the photograph. It carries a picture which, if the identifying tiara and the entwined initials ER are obliterated, bears no resemblance to Her Majesty. There is none of the Queen's beauty of features and of expression. Instead there is a cold leaden look from eyes which, possibly due to indifferent engraving, appear to be out of focus. The Coronation design is equally unflattering. A cameo profile, it is artistically poor and quite unworthy of the Queen's senior Dominion.

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Victoria's Mystery Cancellation



BY REGINALD NAIRNE

The Victoria Post Office made use of a special cancellation in 1901 which today is among the rarest Canadian postal markings known to collectors.

This was a roller type in the form of a flag, on which was superimposed a shield bearing the words "Provincial Exhibition, Victoria, October 1 to 5". To the left was the ordinary circular dater. This cancel, along with the almost exactly similar one which was being used concurrently in Toronto to publicize the fair they were holding there in August, happened to be Canada's first advertising type cancellations. (And strangely enough, Victoria was not to make use of another until nearly ten years later.)

It was obviously the intention, when the machine was first put into use during the early part of August, 1901, that it should continue to advertise the Exhibition right up to its closing date of Oct. 5th. Had this been done the cancellation would have been fairly common even today.

But for some mysterious reason, after being in operation for a little over a week it was suddenly discontinued; and all the evidence points to its never having been put into service again. The result is that only about half a dozen examples of this cancellation are known to collectors today. You will not even find it listed in Jarrett's—in fact Fred had not heard of it when the writer mentioned it to him a year or so ago.

It seems to have been first noted by Mr. Langford of Pasadena, Cal., who probably is the greatest collect-

or of Flag cancellations in the world, for he has over 6000 of them, though most of these are of course from U.S. towns. He states that most of the few known are on covers or 1897 Jubilee postcards addressed to the U.S., and are in the hands of American collectors. His own specimen is on one of these cards.

During 25 years of trading in Victoria the writer has from time to time had the opportunity of going over several large accumulations of correspondence which included local letters with examples of postmarks for at least every week of the first decade of the century. Yet not one of these Flags showed up in any of them! It was after having given up all hope of making a find, that one beauty turned up last fall among a batch of rubbish that was brought in by an old time resident. It was a lovely clean little mourning cover, showing a superb strike dated Aug. 10, and is now in a well known local collection.

Once in a while portions of the cancellation are found on loose stamps, though generally pairs are necessary to distinguish them. Even these are quite uncommon.

Various theories have been advanced to try to explain the sudden withdrawal of this cancellation. Just to make sure the Exhibition had not been called off for any reason, reference was made to newspaper files. But these show that, on the contrary, it was probably the most gala affair of its kind in Victoria's history, for it was opened by no less a personage than the Duke of Cornwall and York who, along with the Duchess,

was making a tour of Canada at the time, accompanied by Sir Wilfred Laurier and many other notables. (The Duke, of course, afterward became King George V.)

Another suggestion was that the cancellation may have been a local production, unauthorized by the P. M.G., and that it was quashed when brought to his attention. But it is practically certain that the roller was made by the same firm that turned out the Toronto Flag about the same time, for they are almost identical. To bear this out, Mr. Goodale has lately made the remarkable discovery that the brass roller is still in existence in the P.O. Archives at Ottawa!

The most likely explanation is that the old timers on the postal staff here would look on the cumbersome roller, (which was of course hand operated), as a confounded nuisance, as it would slow down handling of the mail to quite a noticeable degree. So perhaps after making a half-hearted attempt to use it for a week or so it may have been conveniently put out of sight and forgotten. The only drawback to this explanation is that surely the Exhibition Committee, after paying their good money for the gadget, would naturally complain they didn't get their money's worth? At this late date we can only make a guess, for it is unlikely we'll ever know for sure.

THAT STAMP FURORE

Perhaps the critics have gone off the deep end in criticizing the new stamps. It's just one of those things that once started rolls on like a snowball. Clippings of newspaper criticism have come to us from widely separated points—particularly letters to the editor. In many instances comment by inexperienced or untrained writers exhibits many crude figures of comparison. Some of the figures, similes, or hyperboles, are more uncomplimentary to the Queen than the stamps themselves. Much of the comment could well have been left unprinted.

We have reproduced some of the comment in this issue as a matter of record but we are not going to belabour the point by dwelling on it.

The P.O.D. admits that they are not proud of the emission and a new set is to appear later. Nor are we going to pan the engravers. The Canadian Edition of Time Magazine points out the admirable engraving done on scenery like that of the Great Bear Lake stamp and the Niagara Falls 20c stamp, but remarks the loss of touch on portraits, and cites the 2c issue in 1949 wherein the likeness portrayed resembled Conservative Leader George Drew rather than the King. (Ironically, we got a kick out of that—with a Liberal Government in power at the time of issue of the stamp).

Probably Time Magazine has a point there. Among the old-time engravers such as Smiley and others, each had an art all his own. One specialized numerals, another vignettes, still another portraits. Each was an artist in his own line. The great bulk of work produced by the engravers of our stamps is bank notes. There is no comparison between them and stamps. The size of a bank note gives the engraver room to exhibit his skill. Such cannot be said for stamps, particularly the small size coming 100 to a pane. And it could be that the old-time portrait engraver is not available today. We have a suspicion, too, that some of the models sent up to them, such as the Fur stamp, \$1.00 Fish and 4c Ram's head were not items to create much enthusiasm or inspiration in the mind of the engraver.

Afterword: We just finished writing this when a letter arrived from a Vancouver correspondent, who feels sure there are other good engravers and printers in Canada able to print our stamps and sees no reason why the P.O.D. should not give them a trial. (Ed. Note: This was done some 20 years ago for a short space and some very pleasing designs resulted).

The P.O.D. announces four cachets for Western events this summer, the Calgary Stampede, July 6 to 11; Edmonton Exhibition, July 13 to 18; Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, July 20 to 25th; and Regina's Golden Jubilee Provincial Exhibition, July 27th to August 1st.

Send in your club reports.

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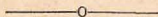
Since the great exposition at Venice I have visited Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland and the International City of Trieste. I have found much fine material on this long trip and renewed many previous business contacts.

After all my "short" European trips I return to the Swiss city of Geneva to maintain my business with America and England. Switzerland is the only country on the continent which allows the free export and import of postage stamps, so that the importance of a "headquarters" such as Geneva for me cannot be underestimated.

Geneva, aside from its other excellent recommendations, is a city with a long philatelic history. Here one finds several of the most important dealers and collectors in the entire world. I have witnessed many philatelic transactions involving five figures (Canadian) and sometimes higher during my many visits. Once I was present when the entire upper strip of a sheet of Switzerland #211 (the "Double Geneva") was sold at a price which would amaze the average collector, even though he knew the total catalogue was \$12,500 as pairs.

I am returning to Toronto at the end of June and look forward to seeing my friends in Canada and the United States. In the early fall I intend to come west to British Columbia on a lecture tour for the London office. Details of this will follow later.

I am now in the process of arranging to stock almost the full line of the excellent philatelic publications of Robson Lowe Ltd. of London, England, for Canada, United States and the European continent.



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Mostly About Plate Blocks

By "Scotia"

Took a holiday last month, but things are getting too interesting to do so again. The Coronation stamp is the cause of most of the excitement, of course. It didn't look too promising at first, but when Mr. Cote revealed that plate 1 had cracked, things were different. And when plate 2 followed suit—wow! But let the P.O. Dept. speak for itself:

"When the 4c Coronation commemorative postage stamp was announced, it was stated that this stamp would be printed from two plates, No's. 1 and 2. Unfortunately plate No. 1 cracked after a comparatively small number of millions of stamps were printed from this plate. No imperfect stamps printed from this plate were released by the manufacturer. It is expected that examples of this stamp issue printed from plate No. 1 will be found in only limited quantity in the stocks of the postmasters. A good stock of stamps printed from this plate are available, however, in the Philatelic Section.

"When plate No. 1 ceased to be of value, a new plate, No. 3, was transferred and placed on the press for additional printing of the stamp. After several days of printing, plate No. 2 developed flaws which prevented its further use and an additional plate, No. 4, had to be transferred and applied to the press.

"The result is that the Coronation postage stamp required four plates, No's. 1, 2, 3 and 4, for the printing of the contract quantity. Stamps printed from all four plates may be purchased from the Philatelic Section provided full sheets of 100 stamps each are ordered. The plate number desired should be specified in orders."

Two new sets of plate 6, 4c orange are reported this month, and I congratulate the fortunate owners, Mr. Cyril Hawley of Hartford, Conn., and Mr. Walter Brewer of San Diego, Calif. Both were very interesting letters. Mr. Hawley is an enthusiastic numismatist as well as stamp collector, and thinks a rarity guide to recent plates would be of great interest. He suggests a scale such as used by coin collectors of rarity 1 to 6, in increasing order of scarcity.

This brings out the need of a revised edition of the plate block catalog, and I am glad to announce that Major White has started work on this. I can assure Mr. Hawley and all other interested collectors that the new edition will cover all such points as he had in mind.

Mr. Brewer has some strong views on our current Queens. He says in part, "What a crime to disfigure such a beautiful woman, as the engraving does not even look like her. The only resemblance is the crown." I cannot agree with Mr. Brewer, which only proves that such things are a matter of personal taste. I thought the moose stamp the least attractive of the animal issue, but note that others don't agree. I was delighted to have Mr. Edward McGrath of St. Catharines agree with me that the Bear stamp had the most attractive appearance. As he says, "The polar bear is easily recognized by its white colour and by its habitat. The hummock of ice and snow and the Northern Lights make an ideal background."

PLAN NEW SET OF STAMPS

Ottawa, May 26.—The Postoffice Department, somewhat discouraged by its new postage stamps of the Queen, is already planning a new set.

The stamps currently on sale in one-to-five-cent denominations, and the special Coronation four-center which goes on sale Monday, have drawn numerous complaints and considerable criticism, Walter Turnbull, deputy postmaster-general said today.

"We can't say we're entirely happy about the new stamps," he said in an interview.

The department doesn't plan to withdraw the issue and has approximately a six-months supply. The stamps will probably last until November, but it may be well on into the new year before there is a new Queen Elizabeth issue to replace them.

It took 18 months to produce the present issue. One week after the death of King George VI, postoffice officials conferred on selection of a photograph of the Queen from which a model of the stamp could be produced.

They chose a photo by Karsh of Ottawa and checked it with the Queen, who is reported to have been delighted. There were consultations with the Canadian Bank Note Company, which holds the contract for producing all Canadian stamps, with artists and photographers of good standing, and with officers of the National Gallery. There were suggestions, alterations and improvements in the design before the engraving began.

Special photo engraving, which can do a better job, is not available in Canada, Mr. Turnbull said. There is a certain inherent loss in the hand engraving, done on steel under a magnifying glass, which then must be transferred to a steel printing plate.

One uncertain stroke of the engraving tool and the nose is sharpened. Another unsure stroke and the mouth becomes less pleasant.

"One line can be the difference between a smile and a frown," the deputy said.

He said the new stamps look much better under a microscope, "but we don't supply microscopes with the stamps."—Globe and Mail, Toronto, May, 1953.



NEW FLAG CANCEL

The Post Office Department can be thanked for a fine Flag cancellation for the Coronation issue, pictured above. They may have been criticized on the stamp itself but believe they will be complimented on the Flag cancel. This Cancel has appeared on our office mail from many cities across Canada but we cannot say if it has its counterpart in the French language for the Province of Quebec as did the Flag cancel for the Coronation of King George VI. See also article on the Victoria, B.C., Flag Cancel on another page.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Coronation sets from Australia, New Zealand and South West Africa will likely be the most popular stamps of all the 107 being issued on June 1st.

Unless there has been an error in the figures published of 920,000 stamps of the 20/-, 1948 issue of Gt. Britain, one would naturally suppose the quantity very small for a country with the population of Gt. Britain. This refers to Scotts No. 275, and in either mint or used should prove a valuable acquisition, and worth double its present price within a few years.

It is surprising with what rapidity some changes come about. Speaking of high denominations some of you may be interested in knowing that the 10/- and 20/- St. Kitts, Scotts 91-92 of 1948 are now selling at double face overseas and reported scarce there. Similar denominations of the same year of issue for Montserrat are expected to take a jump in value, and considered a good buy today up to 50% over face. What will the use of these denominations of both countries be worth shortly is a question worth considering.

It is so easy to miss a number of good things, the St. Lucia, Castries stamp, Scotts No. 151 had from reports a very small distribution of 137,343 copies in 1951. It has been tipped off in London as being in short supply. The present catalog value is bound to be raised this coming fall.

Some Farouk issues of Egypt have lately come through overprinted with three bars. It is not unlikely these stamps may become valuable. Those who collect the issues of this country may discover later that many sets will go to high catalog value.

A new Queen Elizabeth set is in the offing for Tristan da Cunha. These will be printed by the de La Rue Co. Colors and designs have been listed; but no date of issue has been suggested for the set of 14 values to the 10/-. What about the 1951 overprinted set of Geo. 6th in 1951? It should be good to get now.

Another new set which is expected about October 15th next is the definite set of 14 values to the 20/- for

Southern Rhodesia.

Due to the Bulawayo Exhibition on May 30th., the 6d denomination of the Southern Rhodesia, Rhodes Commemorative set, has been held up; but it should be with us in a few weeks.

So long brothers, I hope to drop you a line or so in September, and it may be a mouthful.

WINDSOR "Y" SHOW

The Windsor "Y" Stamp Club held its 8th Annual Exhibition and Bourse at the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. on May 14, 15, and 16. In all, there were 155 frames of exceptionally high-class material.

Mr. Gerald Wellburn, of Duncan, B.C., displayed several frames of superb Vancouver Island and British Columbia early covers. Mr. Bury Binks, of Vancouver, exhibited frames covering his research and study of "Plating" of the 17c 1859 issue of Canada. A superb exhibit of early Hong Kong issues was displayed by Mr. A. W. Blakely of Toronto.

Many out-of-town visitors called the exhibition "CAPEX in miniature." Several American Philatelists could not understand how a comparatively small club in Windsor could put on such a superlative show.

The prize winners in the various categories are listed below:

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Canadian Coils and Booklets - Mr. Ralph Hunter - Detroit.

British Commonwealth (general) - Mr. Ray Martin - Windsor (Cape Triangles)

British Commonwealth Varieties - Mr. Robert Willey - Windsor.

U.S. Post Marks - Mr. Lee Cornell - Wichita, Kansas U.S.A.

Foreign General - Mr. Walter Carter - Toronto.

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BETTER STAMPS

(The Peterborough Examiner)

Criticism of the new postage stamps showing the head of the Queen, has been so severe that the Post Office Department is planning a new set, to take their place.

We are pleased about this not only because it will improve our stamps (which are our daily ambassadors to every part of the world) but because it is a triumph for public opinion in a sphere in which Canadian Public opinion has never been very powerful. We are, as a people, neglectful of appearances. We lack that characteristic of showmanship which, for instance, the British possess so markedly and which they are exercising to the full in the present Coronation celebrations. We are inclined to tolerate dowdiness in matters relating to our national life, and we are patient and resigned when other people assume, understandably, that this dowdiness is an accurate reflection of our national character.

We have come to life, and criticized a set of stamps so strongly that another attempt is to be made. That is a matter for congratulation. We hope that in its future plans the Post Office Department will get a few Canadian artists who understand these matters to advise it.

LETTER TO EDITOR

June 6, 1953

Editor P.S.:

Oh that Coronation Canadian 4-cent stamp! What have they done to our young Queen? Terrible! Hair prematurely gray, thinner, thick with hair oil! Ear lobe swollen like prize fighter's. Her upper lip—something must have hit it. Jaw bone lowered. Cheek lost it's contour. Skin seems touched with eczema. Something wrong with her teeth. Appears as if trying out new plate. Did she get a whack on the chin? And her neck! Heavens, clearly looks like bad case of goitre. Take it away, and God Save the Queen from any more like it!—Anon.

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6	— 12d India proof (1)	260.00	65.00	
7-9	1855-7 Wove paper (3)		500.00	180.00
10	1857 6d Thick soft (1)			125.00
11-13	1858-9 Pence perf (3)			220.00
14-20	1859-64 Cents (7)		265.00	80.00
14-15, 17-20	— Cents (6)		68.50	26.50
21-30	1868-75 Large Cents (10)		82.50	22.50
31, 33	1868 Laid paper (2)			107.50
34-47	1870-93 Small Queens (14)	290.00	27.50	7.50
35a-40	1873-9 Perf 11½x12 (6)		85.00	16.25
50-65	1897 Jubilees (16)		187.50	130.00
50-60	— ½-50c Jubilees (11)	95.00	19.00	19.00
66-73	1897 Leaf (8)	32.50	8.00	6.25
74-84	1898-1902 Numeral (11)	95.00	20.00	4.75
85-6	1898 Maps (2)	4.50	.85	.25
87-8	1938 Provisionals (2)	1.80	.45	.25
89-95	1903-8 Edwards (7)		40.00	4.25
90a	— 2c Imperf. (1)	1.80	.45	.50
96-103	1908 Quebecs (8)	62.50	14.00	11.00
104-22	1912-25 George V (18)	38.50	9.50	.95
123-34	1914-24 Coils (12)	pr24.00	17.00	8.25
126a-130a	Imperf between (3)	42.00	pr21.00	pr22.00
135-	1917 Confederation (1)	1.50	.30	.03
136-8	1924 Imperf (3)	16.00	4.00	4.00
139-40	1926 Provisionals (2)	9.40	2.35	2.65
141-8	1927 Confed. & Hist. (8)	5.00	1.25	.60
149-59	1928 Scroll (11)	60.00	15.00	3.85
160-61	— Coils (2)	pr2.00	1.00	.75
163-77	1930-31 Leaf (16)	55.00	13.75	1.75
178-83	— Coils (6)	pr1.00	.50	.25
184-	1931 Perf 12x8 (1)	.36	.09	.08
190-	— Cartier (1)	.80	.20	.10
191	— Provisionals (1)	.28	.07	.03
192-4	1932 Ottawa Conf. (3)	2.40	.60	.25
195-201	— Medallion (7)	9.00	2.25	.30
202-04	1935 Commems. (3)	8.00	2.00	.55
205-7	— Coils (3)	pr.90	.45	.10
208-10	1934 Commems (3)	5.60	1.40	.60
211-16	1935 Silver Jubs. (6)	7.00	1.75	.85
217-27	— Pictorials (11)	15.40	3.85	.90
228-30	— Coils (3)	pr.60	.30	.10
231-36	1937 George VI (6)	2.20	.55	.10
237	— Coronation (1)	.24	.06	.02
238-40	— Coils (3)	pr.40	.20	.10
241-5	1938 Pictorials (5)	15.00	3.75	.60
246-8	1939 Royal Visit (3)	.80	.20	.10
249-62	1942-3 War (14)	18.40	4.60	.85
263-7	— Coils (5)	pr.60	.30	.15
268-73	1946 Peace (6)	13.00	3.25	.60
274-7, 282-3	1946-9 Commems (6)	1.60	.40	.15
278-81	Coils perf 9½ (4)	pr.60	.30	.25

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	Block	Mint	Used
284-8 1949 Revised (5)	1.00	.25	.10
289-93 1950 No Postes (5)	1.20	.30	.15
295-6 — No Postes coils (2)	pr.24	.12	.12
297-300 — Revised Coils (4)	pr.60	.30	.25
294-316 1950-51 Resources (4)	8.75	2.20	.65
303-4 1951 Prime Minister (2)	.48	.12	.05
305-6 — New Color (2)	.40	.10	.05
309-10 — Coils (2)	pr.20	.10	.10
311-14 — Capex (4)	2.60	.65	.30
315 — Royal Visit (1)	.24	.06	.03
317 1952 Red Cross (1)	.24	.06	.03
318-19 — Prime Minister (2)	.48	.12	.05
320-21 1952-3 7c & \$1 Regular (2)	5.40	1.35	.44
322-4 1953 Wild Life (3)	.60	.15	.10
325-9 — Elizabeth II (5)	1.00	.25	.10
330 — Coronation (1)	.28	.07	.03
C1-9 1928-46 Airs (9)	17.00	4.25	3.25
CE1-3 1942-6 Air S. D. (4)	5.40	1.35	1.40
E1-11 1898-1946 Spec. Del. (11)	33.00	8.25	4.75
F1-3 1875-89 Registration (3)	132.50	15.25	14.15
J1-5 1906-28 Dues (5)	10.00	2.50	1.45
J6-10 1930-32 Dues (5)	8.50	2.15	.70
J11-14 1933-4 Dues (4)	2.00	.50	.25
J15-19 1935 Dues (6)	1.20	.30	.10
MR1-5 1915-16 War Tax (5)	3.40	.85	.60
MR6-7 — Coils (2)	pr4.60	2.30	.18
O1-EO1 1949-50 OHMS O'pts (17)	45.00	11.25	10.75
O16-EO2 1950-51 G O'pts (19)	34.00	8.50	8.00
OS1-4 1879-1913 Off. Sealed (4)		26.00	
Official Perf. O.H.M.S.			
O231-6 1937 Geo. VI (6)	14.00	3.50	.60
O241-5 1938 Pictorials (5)	19.00	4.75	3.25
O249-62 1942-3 War (14)	26.00	6.50	2.75
O268-73 1946 Peace (6)	20.00	5.00	3.00
O285-6 1949 Revised (2)	.80	.20	.20
CO1-9 1928-46 Airs (5)	27.50	6.75	3.00
OCE1-3 1928-46 S. D. Air (3)	32.00	8.00	8.25
OE7-11 1938-46 S. D. (3)	4.00	1.00	1.10
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77B 1898 Numeral (1)	190.00	95.00	100.00
90B 1903 Edward (1)	185.00	92.50	110.00
104a-109 1912-22 Geo. V (9)	95.00	42.50	50.00
149a-53a 1928 Scroll (3)	12.50	10.00	10.75
163a-7a 1930-31 Leaf (7)	45.00	32.00	33.50
195a-7a 1932 Medallion (5)	30.00	24.00	25.00
217a-19a 1935 Geo. V (5)	30.00	22.50	24.00
231a-3a 1937 Geo. VI (5)	4.50	3.25	3.25
249a-C9a 1942-6 War (12)	5.00	3.40	3.50
284a-87b 1950 Revised (5)	1.15	.90	1.00
306a,b 1952 Color change (2)	.75	.50	.60
Imperforates			
	Block	Pair	
29d 1868 15c Large Queen (1)	65.00	32.50	
46a-7a 1893 20-50c Widow Qn. (2) ..		150.00	

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		Block	Mint	Used
66a-73a	1897 Leaf (8)	450.00	225.00	
85a	1898 Map (1)	80.00	40.00	
89a-93a	1903 Edwards (5)	250.00	125.00	
96b-103a	1908 Quebec (8)	350.00	175.00	
110a-22a	1922-5 Geo. V (8)	500.00	250.00	
135a	1917 Confederation (1)	95.00	47.50	
141a-5a	1927 Confederation (5)	145.00	72.50	
146a-8a	1927 Historical (3)	100.00	50.00	
149b-159a	1928 Scroll (11)	300.00	150.00	
174a-77a	1930 Pictorials (4)	380.00	190.00	
190a	1931 Cartier (1)	70.00	35.00	
195d-201a	1932 Medallion (7)	370.00	185.00	
202a	1933 U.P.U. (1)	90.00	45.00	
203b	— Regina (1)	95.00	47.50	
204a	— Royal William (1)	90.00	45.00	
208a	1934 Cartier (1)	85.00	42.50	
209a	— Loyalist (1)	120.00	60.00	
210a	— New Brunswick (1)	90.00	45.00	
211-16a	1935 Jubilees (6)	500.00	250.00	
217a-27a	— 1c-\$1 (11)	550.00	275.00	
231c-6a	1937 Geo. VI (6)	230.00	115.00	
241b-5a	1938 10c-\$1 (6)	400.00	200.00	
246a-8a	1939 Royal Visit (3)	270.00	135.00	
249a-62	1942-3 War (14)	800.00	400.00	
C1a	1928 Air (1)	120.00	60.00	
C5c	1935 Air (1)	150.00	75.00	
C6a	1938 Air (1)	160.00	80.00	
C7a-8a	1942-3 Air (2)	360.00	180.00	
CE1a-2a	— Air S. D. (2)	350.00	175.00	
E3a	1927 S. D. (1)	35.00	17.50	
E5a	1933 S. D. (1)	80.00	40.00	
E6a	1935 S. D. (1)	90.00	45.00	
E7a-8	1938-9 10-20c S. D. (2)	140.00	70.00	
E10a	1942 War S. D. (1)	90.00	45.00	
F2b	1875-89 Registra. (1)		27.50	
J1b-4b	1906 Dues (3)	105.00	52.50	
J11a	1934 1c Due (1)	40.00	20.00	
MR4b	1916 War Tax (1)	30.00	15.00	

Newfoundland

1-9	1857 Id-1s (9)			1,025.00
1, 5, 8	— 1, 5, 8d (3)		44.50	60.00
11-13	1860 2d-6d (5)			175.00
11a, 12a, 15a,	1860 1d-5d (4)		52.50	
17-23	1860-3 2d-1s (7)		41.50	
24-31	1866-94 2-24c (8)		63.50	46.50
32-36	1868-94 1-6c (6)		36.50	11.50
41-60	1880-96 ½-10c (20)	130.00	30.00	16.50
61-74	1897 Cabot (14)	77.50	16.75	44.00
75-7	1897 Provisionals (3)	75.00	44.00	44.00
78-85	1898-1901 Royal Family (8)	8.50	2.15	.80
86	1908 Map (1)	7.50	1.20	.06
87-97	1910 Guy Litho (11)		30.00	32.00
98-103	1911 Guy Engraved (6)	200.00	37.50	40.00
104-14	1911 Royal Family (11)	160.00	28.50	28.00

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		Block	Mint	Used
115-26	1917 Caribous (12)	70.00	17.50	14.00
127-30	1920 Provisionals (4)	42.00	10.50	11.50
131-44	1923-4 Pictorials (14)	67.00	16.75	15.75
145-59	1928-9 Publicity (15)	37.00	9.25	8.75
160-	1929 Provisionals (1)	1.00	.25	.30
163-71	1929 Pub. Re-Engrd. (9)	34.00	8.50	5.75
172-82	1931 Pub. Wmkd. (11)	84.00	21.00	14.75
183-210	1931-7 Industrial (20)	42.00	10.50	8.00
211	1933 L. & S. Post (1)	2.20	.55	.65
212-25	1933 Gilbert (14)	85.00	21.25	25.00
226-29	1935 Jubilee (4)	3.60	.95	1.10
230-32	1937 Coronation (3)	1.00	.25	.20
233-43	1937 Coron. Long Set (11)	15.00	3.75	3.95
245-8	1938 Royal Family (4)	4.80	1.20	.25
249	1939 Royal Visit (1)	.80	.20	.20
250-51	— Provisionals (2)	1.52	.38	.35
253-66	1941-4 Perf 12½ (14)	12.40	3.10	1.60
267	1943 Memorial College (1)	1.80	.45	.25
268	1946 Provisional (1)	.36	.09	.13
269	1947 Birthday (1)	.40	.10	.03
270	— Cabot (1)	.40	.10	.03

Airmails

C2	1919 Alcock Brown	90.00	18.50	25.00
C3	1921 Halifax	57.50	11.50	13.00
C6-8	1931 Unwatermarked	36.00	9.00	10.50
C9-11	— Watermarked	62.00	15.50	17.50
C12	1932 DO-X	150.00	35.00	37.50
C13-17	1933 Labrador	85.00	20.00	24.00
C18	— Balbo	140.00	32.50	37.50
C19	1943 St. John's	.48	.12	.05
J1-6	1939 Dues Perf. 10	3.00	.75	.85
J7	— 10c Perf. 11 Wmkd.	3.60	.90	1.00
J8	— 1c Perf. 11	.60	.15	.18
J9-11	— 2-4c Perf. 11x9	12.00	3.00	3.25

British Columbia

2	1861 2½d Perf. 14 (1)	100.00	13.00	11.50
4	1865 10c Imperf. (2)		100.00	47.50
5-6	— 5-10c Perf. 14 (2)		29.50	21.00
7	1866 3d Blue (1)		5.00	5.00
8-13	1867-9 Perf. 14 (6)		180.00	
14-18	1869 Perf. 12½ (5)		185.00	170.00

New Brunswick

1-3	1851 Pence (3)			247.50
5-	1860 Connell (1)		400.00	
6-11	1860-3 Cents (6)	20.00	4.50	11.75

Nova Scotia

1-6	1851 Pence (6)			300.00
8-13	1860-63 Cents (6)		12.75	11.50
8-9, 11-13	— Cents (5)	11.40	2.85	

Prince Edward Island

1-3	1861 Perf. 9 (3)		92.50	67.50
4-10	1862-70 Pence (7)		19.00	37.50
11-16	1872 Cents (6)	17.00	3.25	

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The New Age in Collecting

By Wm. T. Jackson

TURKS-CAICOS - CAYMANS ISL.

Turks 1938 Geo. VI Issue

General note: All stamps perf. 12½.

1—One-quarter Pence

Mint or Used

1A—¼p black (1938) not nearly as common as some would think .. 10c

2—One-half Pence

2A—½p yellow-green (1938) 40c

2B—½p green (1944) 3c

2A is a scarce little shade and quite different from the later dark shade.

3—One Penny

3A—1 p chocolate (1938) 10c

3B—1p red brown (1940) 4c

4—One and One-half Pence

4A—1½p scarlet (1938) 15c

4B—1½p carmine (1945) 5c

5—Two Pence

5A—2p grey (1938) 6c

6—Two and One-half Pence

6A—2½p orange (1938) 7c

7—Three Pence

7A—3p blue (1938) 15c

7B—3p bright blue (1944) 8c

8—Six Pence

8A—6p mauve (1938) \$1.25

8B—6p brown (1945) 15c

It is surprising how scarce 8A is considering the length of time it was on issue. Withdrawn after the war.

9—One Shilling

9A—1sh bistre (1938) \$1.00

9B—1sh olive-grey (1945) 30c

9a is also a fairly elusive stamp. Probably the war hindered any stocking up of this stamp and 8A.

10—Two Shilling

10A—2sh carmine (1938) 60c

11—Five Shilling

11A—5sh green (1938) \$3.00

11B—5sh blue-green (1944) 1.50

12—Ten Shilling

12A—10sh violet \$2.75

General Note:—The quantities of all stamps in this issue were relatively small, and with any substantial demand would not go 'round. The designs are simple and yet very attractive to the eye.

Varieties:—I know of no constant ones.

I must thank many of you for writing me and passing on helpful information. I would ask readers

to send in all information on varieties, constant or not, and also which stamps were issued in coil form, and if paste-ups (e.g. Current St. Lucia 1c, 2c exist in coil form with paste-up every 8 stamps, put together from sheet stamps, both in a special perf 14 and a perf 12). Also all information on stamps issued in booklets, with a careful measurement of the perfs on these stamps. I would draw your attention to a letter by C. H. Bayley in November, 1952, Popular Stamps containing this information for Barbados.

THE LAID PAPERS OF GEO. VI

By R. M. Angus

Thanks to Dr. L. Seale Holmes, an acknowledged authority on British North America stamps, he has made public the fact as to the laid papers used in the production of the type A87 Scott. Why this has not been noticed by collectors of Canadian stamps prior to this, is a puzzling question. For many years I used nothing but 1c coils on my letters and about 1940 when about 475 copies of a coil had been used, I suddenly noticed that they were on laid paper. The lines were much closer than those found on the earlier stamps of Canada, such as certain values between 1851 and 1868, but nevertheless distinctly laid. To check up on this, I examined a number of used copies and found quite a lot of them to be on laid paper. I told all collectors I knew about this find, but did not stir up much interest. However, I was in Vancouver shortly after on a business trip, and asked a dealer with whom I then carried on a regular correspondence, if he had noticed this variety. He told me he had not, and that it was probably caused by streaky gum, so I asked him to look at some of the used ones from my correspondence and he had to admit they were on laid paper. Subsequent purchases of coil stamps resulted in finding only the ordinary wove paper, so the laid was presumably a very limited one.

Dr. Holmes is to be thanked for bringing this before the collecting public, and we hope to hear much more of it in the future and even for catalogue recognition.

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T. S. C. CLUB NOTES

The May meetings of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club have been well attended and interesting. The speaker at the first May meeting was William Sommerville Assistant General Manager of the Toronto Stamp Exchange assisted by Stuart MacTavish who ran the movie projector.

Mr. Sommerville was introduced by W. G. Malcolm, who stated that while the Toronto Stock Exchange had nothing of a philatelic nature yet it did have something in common with stamp clubs as it specialized in the buying and selling of stocks in somewhat the same manner as clubs through their auctions.

The talk given by Mr. Sommer-ville was most interesting and instructive. He covered the general working of stock exchanges which played so important a part in the general economy of the country. His remarks were illustrated by a sound movie which portrayed scenes from early exchanges in Europe, England and America during the past two centuries. The growth and scope of the operation of the Toronto Stock Exchange, which ranks high among those on this continent was particularly shown by a film which was produced in 1952 in commemoration of their 100th anniversary.

A good representation of the club went over to Buffalo on Saturday May 16th to attend the annual exhibi-

tion, bourse and dinner of the Buffalo Stamp Club.

The regular meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club took the form of a table auction of some seventy-three lots. Some unusually fine 1868 material and pre-stamp covers attracted much attention and were disposed of under very active bidding."

V. I. P. S. MEETING

The May monthly meeting of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society was held at the Empress Hotel, Victoria on Thursday 14th May 1953 with the President, Major S. Henson in the chair. An auction was conducted by Mr. Hill Tout. During the meeting, Miss Jean Roberts was presented with a gift of appreciation for the many years served as secretary of the Society. The feature of the evening was a splendid showing by Mr. Henry Whittaker of part of his Sudan Collection, showing the many errors and varieties of that interesting country. Thanks of all the Society were extended to Mr. Whittaker by Mr. Alex Hall.

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That's the only indication to the casual passerby that a post office exists in the area.

George Hookway, 80-year-old postmaster used to carry the mail to the 72 boxholders on the Science Hill route. Now his daughter Mrs. Gladys Walker, makes the same mail run daily. The number of boxholders is down to 67 now.

Mr. Hookway is the son of a sea-going captain and his mother's father was a sea-going captain. George Hookway was all set to follow their footsteps up a gangplank when his father whom he had never seen was drowned off the coast of France.

His papers were all signed and he was set to go aboard the sailing ship Matterhorn at New York when he was 16. Then his mother decided that enough of her people had given their lives to the salty ocean. She persuaded young Hookway to remain at home.

George Hookway has never been in a water-going craft and has never seen the ocean.

Instead he has spent his life farming in Blanshard Township on the rolling land which his father-in-law sea captain had purchased over 100 years ago sight unseen on the word of an agent whom he sent out looking for just the right type of farm to settle down. The specifications

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